8. Guruvayur (Kerala)
9. Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh)
10. Shirdi, Nanded and Jyotirbah (Maharashtra)
11. Jagannath Puri (Orissa)
12. Amritsar, Anandpur Saheb (Punjab)
13. Ajmer Shareef (Rajasthan)
14. Rameswaram (Tamil Nadu)
15. Badrinath and Haridwar
16. Barsana-Nandgaon-Gokul-Mathura-Brindavan-Gowardhan,
17. Sravasti/Kushinagar (Uttar Pradesh)

The development projects will be taken up on the basis of proposals received from the respective State/Union Territory Governments within the funds available and no separate allocation has been made for the same.

Incentives for Tourists in North-East

1661. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) the measures taken by Government for development of tourism industry at the state and national level;

(b) the incentives to the tourists who want to visit the North-East States, and

(c) the amounts of funds for development of infrastructure of tourism in the North-East States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) (a) The measures taken by the Union Government for the Development of Tourism in the North East include the following;

(i) Atleast 10% of the funds provided to the Ministry of Tourism for Infrastructural Development will be utilised in North Eastern States.

(ii) A video film on tourist attractions of North East has been produced.

(iii) North Eastern States were given a free booth in the World's largest tourism fair ITB Berlin.

(iv) Financial assistance has been provided for organising various fairs and festivals in North East.

(v) North Eastern States have been designated as the theme States for Suraj Kund Craft Mela, 1998.

(vi) North Eastern States have been given special focus in the Marketing Conference of overseas offices of the Department held during the first week of June 1997 in Delhi. All our overseas offices have been giving publicity on North East.

(vii) North Eastern States are included in the Home page of Department of Tourism in INTRNET.

(viii) A new travel circuit Guwahati-Kaziranga Shillong-Tawang has been announced.

(b) There is no system of providing incentives by the Government to tourists to visit any place in the country.

(c) The details of funds provided for development of Tourism Infrastructure in North Eastern States during 97-98 were as given below.

State	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In lakhs)
Arunachal Pradesh	271.00
Assam	288.88
Manipur	186.11
Meghalaya	85.70
Mizoram	142.45
Nagaland	116.90
Tripura	126.68
TOTAL	1217.72

Eco-Tourism Potentialities of N.E., Region

1662. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have studied the eco-tourism potentialities of the North East region;